

1 **REMARKS**

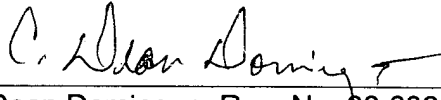
2 Applicant respectfully submits this Preliminary Amendment. The Preliminary  
3 Amendment consists of an amended first paragraph on page 1 of the Specification. Basically,  
4 the first paragraph now correctly cross-references to the related applications, namely that this  
5 application is a continuation-in-part of the application filed 3 July 2002 bearing serial number  
6 10/190,193, which is a continuation-in-part of the application filed 26 November 2001 bearing  
7 serial number 09/994,161.

8 Additionally, Applicant submits a Substitute Declaration. The Substitute Declaration  
9 claims the benefit of the earlier filed U. S. Patent Applications, namely Patent Application  
10 bearing Serial No. 10/190,193 filed on 3 July 2002, and Patent Application bearing Serial No.  
11 09/994,161 filed on 26 November 2001. The claim for the benefit of the earlier filed U. S.  
12 Patent Applications was inadvertently omitted from the Declaration of Power of Attorney  
13 previously filed in the above-identified Patent Application.

14 Should the Office have any questions, and/or comments regarding the Amendment to  
15 the first paragraph of the Specification, or the Substitute Declaration, the Patent Office is  
16 kindly requested to contact the undersigned. Affirmation of the claim for priority is respectfully  
17 requested.

18 Respectfully submitted,

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